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Highlights of Legal News & Information

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- Nursing Home Abuse
- Malpractice
- Auto Accidents
- Slip and Falls
- Product Injuries
- Work Injuries
- Social Security Matters
- Family Law
- Criminal Matters/DWI/DUI
- Wills/Living Wills
- Real Estate
- Traffic Violations

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Did You Know. . .?

Did you know...

A Doctor who is about to treat you, or operate on you, or prescribe you medication, must explain the risks as well as the benefit of what he/she is recommending, or he/she can be liable to you for money damages? This is called the doctrine of Informed Consent, and it is the law everywhere. Most doctors will say that they explained everything in to detail to every patient, so you must be certain to ask a lot of questions...and get straight answers. Before you allow yourself or your loved ones to go "under the knife," remember that the only stupid question is the one you did not ask.

Did you know...

If you are a passenger in someone else's car, or driving in a company car, and are unfortunately injured, and an uninsured driver of another car was at fault, you may not be

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Product Safety Alert:

Tylenol and Acetaminophen Users

Tylenol, or its generic version Acetaminophen, is a popular over-the-counter medication. It is also included in many prescription drugs, like Darvocet, Percocet and Vicodin. Taking Tylenol or other drugs that contain Acetaminophen may lead to severe injuries, including:

- ✓ Liver Failure
- ✓ Liver Transplant
- ✓ Liver Damage
- ✓ Death

What Should You Do?

If you or a loved one has taken Tylenol or other drugs containing Acetaminophen, and have suffered liver injuries, contact your doctor's office or hospital about your injury. In order to determine whether you have a right to compensation for your injuries, please contact us at (856) 429-1700 for a free, no-obligation consultation.

NURSING HOME ABUSE & NEGLECT

Rights Of Nursing Home Residents

Nursing home residents have many rights, including:

- Freedom from discrimination based on race, color, national origin disability, age or religion.
- The right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Freedom from abuse and neglect. Residents have the right to be free from verbal, sexual, physical, and mental abuse.
- Freedom from restraints. Physical or chemical restraints can't be used, unless needed to treat medical symptoms.
- The right to be informed about their medical condition, medications and to see their own doctor.

Recent Awards & Settlements

■ $1.1 million for a woman who was in a nursing home and developed a bedsore that became so infected part of her leg had to be amputated. She made a claim against the nursing home, saying it had too few staff and that the staff on hand didn't take simple steps that would have prevented the bedsore.

■ $150,000 for an elderly gentleman who suffered from Alzheimer's disease and who broke his hip after falling in a nursing home. On the man's behalf, his son made a claim against the nursing home, saying staff failed to properly monitor him and take steps to prevent accidents like these from happening. The parties settled out of court.

■ $950,000 for an elderly gentleman who was placed in a nursing home by his children. Just over a year after moving to the facility, the man died after developing over 20 bedsores due to the staff not taking proper care of him. The gentleman came to the nursing home weighing nearly 250 pounds, and weighed just 148 pounds when he died. The man's family made a claim against the nursing home. The evidence showed that staff falsified records to make it look like they did not miss seeing the bedsores when in fact they really had missed seeing them due to negligence.

■ $250,000, $150,000; and $100,000 for significant pressure sores, developed in hospital or nursing homes, on the low backs of elderly women in three separate cases, who suffered from multiple significant medical conditions.

Did You Know,

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able to recover any money greater than your own insurance limits? The courts have held that insurance policy "step down" clauses can be used by your own insurance company to limit the amount you recover, even if you were not at fault. You may have such a clause in your policy and not even know it, stepping you down to the lowest possible coverage. This is why you must be certain to carry at least

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$100,00 of uninsured motorist coverage on your auto policy...hundreds of thousands of drivers are out there on the streets with no coverage at all! You must protect yourself and your loved ones by making sure that you have adequate coverage.

Did you know...

Here at Aronberg & Kouser we are here to serve you and answer all of your questions about the law. Call us for a free consultation on any legal matter that you have...we will be glad to be of service to you.

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Car Insurance: Beware When You Buy Online

Lured in by most claims to save you 15%? Be careful! Many insurance web sites automatically steer you towards a designated selection to get you to choose what they want and what is most profitable to them. If you have any questions, we will gladly answer them or review your insurance policy for free. Here are some suggestions to help you get the best coverage.

coverage is mandatory, your UM/UIM limits can be no higher than your liability limits. Higher liability limits also protect your assets. Recently, many insurance carriers have been taking cases to trial and guessing wrong. When a jury awards more than the policy you can be on the hook for the difference.

1. Select the highest **LIABILITY LIMITS** you can afford but at least $100,000. Why? Because almost all of your cost is on the first $15,000 in mandatory coverage. In addition, you can then purchase that much in uninsured and underinsured motorist (UM/UIM) coverage to protect your family. While the

2. Always select the **UNLIMITED RIGHT TO SUE** option. We have never met a person who was glad they gave up their right to file a claim. It is not worth the alleged savings (it's less than they lead you to believe) and to forgo the right to make a claim if you or a loved one is injured by someone else's negligence.

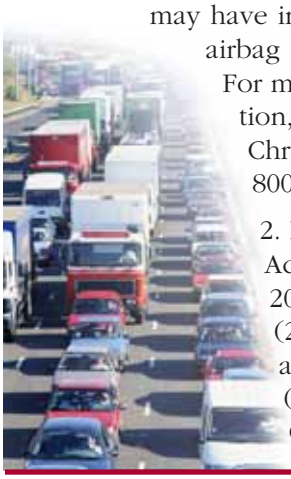
3. Do Not select Health Insurance as Primary if you receive Medicare or Medicaid, if you cannot afford the deductibles or if your health coverage is average or below. The safest choice if you are uncertain about your medical coverage is to select the PIP option over the Health option.

SAFETY ALERT

Auto & Product Recalls

Here is a partial list of recently recalled autos and consumer products. For more auto recalls, call 1-800-424-9393. For more consumer product recalls, call 1-800-638-2772.

1. Chrysler Grand Voyager, Town and Country and Dodge Grand Caravan (2008). Certain vehicles may have inadvertent airbag deployment. For more information, call Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403.



2. Honda Accord (2005-2010), CR-V (2007-2010), and Element (2005-2008). Certain vehicles may have problems which could cause the engine to stall and/or the parking gear to not work. For more information, call Honda at 1-800-999-1009.

3. Hyundai Santa Fe and Veracruz (2007-2008). Certain vehicles may have problems which could cause the air bag to not deploy in a crash. For more information, call Hyundai at 1-800-633-5151.

4. Chefmate® 6-Speed Blenders, model BL-10 sold at Target. The pitcher can separate from the blade, posing a hazard. For more information, call Target at 1-800-440-0680.

5. Martha Stewart Collection™ Enamel Cast Iron Casseroles (certain sizes and models). The enamel coating can crack and fly off. For more information, call Macy's at 1-888-257-5949.

Our firm receives many new clients as a result of referrals from clients and other friends of our firm. We would like to thank everyone who refers friends and family to our firm. We appreciate the trust and confidence you show in us by making these referrals.

We welcome and continue to encourage referrals, and we will strive to provide top quality legal service to everyone you refer.

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FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations To Robert Greenberg

Congratulations to Robert Greenberg who was invited as a speaker at the New Jersey Association for Justice Meadowlands Seminar on November 10, to present a Trial Closing Argument in a pressure sore case, to hundreds of Plaintiff's trial lawyers who attended the sessions of Medical Negligence and Nursing Home Neglect for legal education credit.

New Firm Website Launching

Aronberg & Kouser is in the process of launching a new website which is expected to be online at the beginning of 2012. The goal of this endeavor is to improve our online presence and to provide useful information to our clients in a user-friendly fashion. We are excited that this will improve communication between us and our clients which is essential to the job that we do.

You will still be able to find this website at www.430lawoffice.com. As part of this new effort, we will also be launching a Facebook page which we hope you will all "like". We look forward to the improved service that we will be able to provide with our updated internet presence.

Preventive Law Tip: Have A Will, Living Will and Power of Attorney

One area of preventive law that can help you and your family a lot is estate planning. Having key estate planning documents helps make sure your property will go where you want when you die and that you select the people who will make decisions for you if you can't make them yourself. Key estate planning documents to have are:

- **Wills**. Wills let you decide who will receive your property when you die. But they also provide other valuable benefits, including letting you select who should be the guardian of your children in case you and your spouse die while they are minors, and letting you select the person who will administer your estate when you die.

- **Living Wills**. Living wills are very important to have, as they let you specify the types of life prolonging treatment you want — or do not want — if you are terminally ill and cannot communicate. Living wills help avoid agonizing disputes between family members about what your wishes are regarding the use of life sustaining treatment.

- **Powers of Attorney**. These let you appoint someone to handle your financial affairs, authorizing them to sign documents as if they were you. You can have a power of attorney that expires if you become incompetent, or you can have one that stays valid until you die, as long as you do not revoke it.

A "health care power of attorney" lets you appoint someone to make your medical decisions if you cannot make them yourself. The decisions

can cover various medical matters.

Even if you have all necessary estate planning documents, it is important to make sure they are up-to-date. If your will and other documents were made a long time ago, modifications may be needed due to changes in your financial or family situation. We can help make sure you have all the proper documents for planning your estate and that they are all in accordance with your current wishes.

Seasons Greetings

And Best Wishes For A Happy & Healthy 2012